

Idaho Department of Lands
IDAHO FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM
Project Proposal Application Instructions - FY 2006

Purpose of the Forest Legacy Program: To identify environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, and through the use of conservation easements or fee title acquisition, to promote forestland protection and other conservation opportunities. The goal of the Idaho Forest Legacy Program is to conserve and enhance land, water, wildlife, and timber resources while providing for the continued working of Idaho's forestlands and maintenance of natural and public values.

The Idaho Department of Lands, on behalf of the State of Idaho, accepts applications for enrollment in Idaho's Forest Legacy Program. The deadline to submit FY 2006 project proposals is **May 31, 2004**.

- Please submit 5 hard copies of your project proposal to: G. Kirk David, Chair
Idaho Forest Stewardship Committee
Idaho Department of Lands
3780 Industrial Avenue S.
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8918
- Please submit 1 electronic copy (not including maps and photos) to: kdavid@idl.state.id.us

Summary of Project Selection Process: Members of the Idaho Forest Stewardship Committee will prioritize individual project proposals. Projects will be ranked on their ability to meet the goals and objectives identified below and in the Assessment of Need for Idaho (AON), which can be viewed at: http://www2.state.id.us/lands/Forest_Legacy/Legacy.htm. Each of the following topics need to be addressed in the project proposal.

Size- Is the project of sufficient size to "matter" in terms of meeting Idaho's goals and program objectives?

Connectivity- Will the project add protected lands to other lands already protected, thus creating a larger area or is the project geographically isolated?

Contribution to local economies- If the project lands are protected, will there be additional or maintained contributions to local economies?

Contribution to environmental and cultural values- What is the magnitude of fish, wildlife, scenic, cultural, watershed, or other environmental values that will be protected or enhanced if the project is approved? Does the project possess social values, natural aesthetic or scenic values, public education or recreation opportunities, riparian areas, fish and wildlife habitat, threatened or endangered species, cultural or historic resources, traditional forest uses, or other ecological values?

Threats- What is the scope and immediacy of threats to the continued existence of the project land as a forest? Is the property threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, further subdivision into smaller parcels or other detrimental impacts to a remnant forest type?

Alternative protection methods- Does the land qualify for range or farmland protection programs or can the same environmental values be obtained through an alternative conservation easement program?

Support- What is the level of public support, as indicated by availability of matching funds (minimum 25% non-federal required), partners for the project and local support for it?

Legacy Area Priority- What is the priority of the Forest Legacy Area in which the project is located?

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FY 2006 PROJECT PROPOSAL APPLICATION OUTLINE

Projects will be prioritized based on the following items, which address the goals and objectives of Idaho's Forest Legacy Program, as well as State and federal eligibility criteria. In your application, please answer the following as it relates to the property being considered for Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funds.

Background Information

Project name:

Landowner Information (*names, address, phone*):

Project Location (*town, county*):

Project watershed (*Name and/or Hydrologic Unit Code [HUC]#*):

Project fee title landowner(s) (*entire project must be privately owned*):

Project sponsor contact information (*name, address, phone*):

Project location (*Legal description and GPS lat./long.*):

Project type (*circle one*): fee title acquisition *or* conservation easement

Total Project Cost:

Cost/Acre:

Amount requested from FLP:

One-line description of project:

Size

Total project acreage:

Total acreage of forest lands:

Estimated value of the property:

Has an appraisal been completed in the last 12 months to substantiate this value?:

Connectivity

Is the project directly connected to other lands already protected (*FS, BLM, FWS, State Park, Research Natural Area, private conservation easement, etc*)?:

List all other adjacent landowners:

Include these ownerships on boundary map:

Contribution to Local Economies

What are the project's existing land management activities (*timber production, farming, open space, non-use, ranching, etc.*)?:

If the project lands are enrolled in FLP, will these uses be maintained or will additional uses be applied?

Explain:

What is the total annual contribution to the local economy based on the annual value of products (*recreation, timber sales, etc.*)?:

Are these contributions significant at a local, state or national level? Explain:

What future long-term management strategies would you like to see for the project?:

What is the approximate merchantable board feet of timber on the property?:

Has a timber cruise been performed in the last year?:

Does the project have future timber productivity potential? If so, explain:

When was the last timber harvest and what type of harvest prescription was used?:

Contribution to Environmental and Cultural Values

Predominant forest type of the project?:

Which forest/woodland types exist on the project that are eligible for the FLP (*see Figure 1 in the AON for a list of eligible types*)?:

Other forest types present:

Other habitat types present (*wetlands, riparian areas, prairie, etc.*):

Known endangered or threatened wildlife or rare plant species present on or adjacent to the property:

Other environmental values or ecological resources worth protecting:

Scenic resources present worth protecting:

Describe the ability of the forest to be managed as a working forest while also protecting the environmental and cultural values of the property:

Type and extent of noxious weeds found on the property:

Are noxious weeds currently being managed?:

Known cultural values present on the property (*historic site; sport fishery, etc.*):

Public recreational activities currently provided on the property:

Other benefits the property provides to the public not already listed above:

Threats

Is the property threatened with conversion to non-forest use, further subdivision into smaller parcels, or other detrimental impacts to a remnant forest type? Explain:

Is the property currently listed for sale?:

Future ownership plans for the property if it is NOT accepted into the FLP (*resale, passed to heirs, etc.*):

Immediacy of the threat to the continued existence of the project as forestland:

Will the property be managed as forest lands if it is NOT enrolled into the FLP?:

Other threats to the property (*neighboring development; weed invasion; catastrophic wildlife; bankruptcy, etc.*):

Timeframe for threats to this property that you have identified:

Alternative Protection Methods

Does the land qualify for range or farmland protection programs? Explain:

Can the same environmental values be obtained through an alternative conservation easement program?:

Has the project been proposed to a state or federal agency, tribe or private entity for protection through fee title acquisition or a conservation easement? Explain:

Prior attempts to protect the forest lands associated with the project:

If the project is not selected for the FLP, will it be maintained as forest land? If so, how (*other easement options, sale to timber company, etc.*)?:

Support

Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan (LFSP) # (*if completed*):

Has an agency, tribe or private entity offered to provide technical advice? If so, list each partner. If available, provide letters of support from these partners:

Other project partners (*family members, consultants, etc.*)? Explain:

Total amount of match (*financial, in-kind and volunteer*):

Amount of match from the landowner. Explain (*pay for appraisal, donate part of value of easement, pay for timber cruise, etc.*):

Submit a letter of support by your local county commissioners and/or your state congressional representative. If one is not available at this time, please indicate how you will acquire this letter. (*Proof of public support of the project is required for enrollment.*):

Legacy Area Priority :(*determined by Idaho Forest Stewardship Committee*)

Additional Comments :

Application Checklist :

___ Proposal must be ***received*** no later than ***May 31, 2004*** in order to be considered for FY 2006 funding.

___ Submit 5 printed copies of your proposal to the above address, including:

___ 1 map identifying the property location in Idaho,

___ 1 map identifying the property boundaries and adjacent property owners,

___ Up to 10 photos or color copies of photos,

___ Letters of support,

___ 1 electronic copy (without maps or photos) of your proposal to the above address.